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Premier League footballers earned \$3.7bn last season

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

Football players in the UK's Premier League clubs were paid over \$3.7 billion last season. An annual report on football finances showed a 15 per cent increase in revenue for the League's 20 clubs. The report is from the international accountancy company Deloitte. It reported that the wage bill for Premier League teams went above \$3.5 billion for the first time ever. The report said that almost 60 per cent of all the revenue earned by the League goes towards wages. This is up from 55 per cent in the 2016/17 season. The Premier League's top six clubs, which include Manchester City, Manchester United, Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the highest wage bills in the League.

The Premier League is the top level of English football leagues. It is the most-watched sports league in the world. People in 212 countries and territories, in 643 million homes worldwide watch it. This means it makes a lot of money from television rights and merchandising. However, the increase in the wage bill has reduced the profits earned by the clubs. Deloitte said: "With the emphasis now on clubs to generate revenue growth...it may be that we see the levels of pre-tax profit [go down] over the next few years." The teams in the lower half of the League are finding it more difficult to make a profit. The bottom three teams can lose up to \$130 million if they are relegated from the Premier League.

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/premier-league-clubs-wage-bill-almost-3bn-last-season-11702927>
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WARM-UPS

1. SALARIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about salaries. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

football / report / finances / international / accountancy / wages / company / clubs / top level / sports / television / merchandising / emphasis / growth / profit / relegated

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. THE GREATEST GAME: Students A **strongly** believe football is the world's greatest game; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PAY: How important are these jobs and how much should they get paid? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Importance	Salary
Football star		
Soldier		
Country's leader		
Teacher		
Software engineer		
Plumber		

5. CLUB: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "club". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SPORTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best sports at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- football (soccer)
- American football
- tennis
- basketball
- cricket
- F1
- athletics
- darts

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 1. season | a. The money and business of a country, organization, or person. |
| 2. annual | b. At any time in the past; at any time. |
| 3. finances | c. A fixed time in the year when a particular sport is played. |
| 4. revenue | d. Happening once every year. |
| 5. bill | e. The money a person, organization or country gets. |
| 6. ever | f. An amount of money owed for goods supplied or services. |
| 7. top | g. The highest or most important rank, level, or position. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. level | h. Special importance or value given to something. |
| 9. territory | i. A position on a real or imaginary scale of amount, quantity, extent, or quality. |
| 10. rights | j. Branded products used to promote a particular movie, popular music group, football team, etc., or linked to a particular fictional character. |
| 11. merchandising | k. Money made from the difference between the amount earned and the amount spent in buying, operating, or producing something. |
| 12. emphasis | l. An area of land controlled by a ruler or state. |
| 13. profit | m. Moved down to a lower position. |
| 14. relegated | n. Being able to perform, publish, film, or televise a particular work, event, etc. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Premier League club revenues increased by 15% from last season. **T / F**
- b. It is the second time the wage bill has gone above \$3.5 billion. **T / F**
- c. Wages make up around 60% of clubs' revenues. **T / F**
- d. Manchester United has the lowest wage bill. **T / F**
- e. People in 212 countries and territories watch the Premier League. **T / F**
- f. Premier League clubs make a lot of money from merchandising. **T / F**
- g. Teams in the lower half of the league find it easier to make a profit. **T / F**
- h. The bottom four clubs can lose up to \$500 million. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. clubs | a. demoted |
| 2. annual | b. income |
| 3. above | c. highest |
| 4. revenue | d. cash |
| 5. include | e. yearly |
| 6. top | f. cut |
| 7. money | g. teams |
| 8. reduced | h. comprise |
| 9. generate | i. cut |
| 10. relegated | j. over |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. An annual report on | a. level of English football |
| 2. The report is from the international | b. goes towards wages |
| 3. went above \$3.5 billion for | c. growth |
| 4. all the revenue earned by the League | d. half of the League |
| 5. have the highest wage | e. football finances |
| 6. The Premier League is the top | f. three teams |
| 7. makes a lot of money from | g. the first time ever |
| 8. generate revenue | h. bills in the League |
| 9. The teams in the lower | i. television rights |
| 10. The bottom | j. accountancy company |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

Football players in the UK's Premier League clubs were (1) _____ over \$3.7 billion last season. An (2) _____ report on football finances showed a 15 per cent increase in (3) _____ for the League's 20 clubs. The report is from the international accountancy company Deloitte. It reported that the wage (4) _____ for Premier League teams went above \$3.5 billion for the first time (5) _____. The report said that almost 60 per cent of all the revenue earned by the League goes (6) _____ wages. This is up from 55 per cent in the 2016/17 season. The Premier League's top six clubs, which (7) _____ Manchester City, Manchester United, Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the highest (8) _____ bills in the League.

revenue
paid
include
ever
wage
annual
bill
towards

The Premier League is the top (9) _____ of English football leagues. It is the most-watched sports league in the world. People in 212 countries and (10) _____, in 643 million homes worldwide watch it. This means it makes a lot of money from television (11) _____ and merchandising. However, the increase in the wage bill has reduced the profits earned by the clubs. Deloitte said: "With the (12) _____ now on clubs to generate revenue growth...it may be that we see the levels of pre-tax (13) _____ [go down] over the next few years." The teams in the lower (14) _____ of the League are finding it more difficult to make a profit. The bottom three teams can (15) _____ up to \$130 million if they are (16) _____ from the Premier League.

profit
territories
relegated
level
lose
emphasis
half
rights

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

- 1) Football players in the UK's Premier League clubs were paid over \$3.7 billion _____
 - a. last seasons
 - b. past seize on
 - c. last seasoned
 - d. last season
- 2) An annual report on football finances showed a 15 per cent increase _____
 - a. on revenue
 - b. in revue
 - c. in revenue
 - d. in revving you
- 3) the wage bill for Premier League teams went above \$3.5 billion for the _____
 - a. firsts time ever
 - b. first time ever
 - c. first times ever
 - d. firstly timed ever
- 4) almost 60 per cent of all the revenue earned by the League goes _____
 - a. forwards wages
 - b. forwards wage is
 - c. toward waged
 - d. towards wages
- 5) Manchester United, Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal have the highest _____ the League
 - a. wage bill sin
 - b. wage bills in
 - c. wage bills inn
 - d. wage bills sin
- 6) People in 212 countries and territories, in 643 million homes worldwide _____
 - a. watch it
 - b. watch them
 - c. watch chit
 - d. watch itch
- 7) However, the increase in the wage bill has reduced the profits _____ clubs
 - a. earned buy then
 - b. earned by them
 - c. earned buy the
 - d. earned by the
- 8) Deloitte said: "With the emphasis now on clubs to generate _____"
 - a. revenue grown
 - b. revenue growl
 - c. revenue growth
 - d. revenue oath
- 9) The teams in the lower half of the League are finding it more difficult _____ profit
 - a. tomb ache a
 - b. tomb make a
 - c. tomb maker
 - d. to make a
- 10) The bottom three teams can lose up to \$130 million if they _____
 - a. your relegated
 - b. are relegated
 - c. are really grated
 - d. your regulated

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The Premier League is the (7) _____ English football leagues. It is the most-watched (8) _____ the world. People in 212 countries and territories, in 643 million homes worldwide watch it. This means it (9) _____ of money from television rights and merchandising. However, the increase in the (10) _____ has reduced the profits earned by the clubs. Deloitte said: "With the emphasis now on clubs to generate revenue growth...it may be that we see the levels of pre-tax profit [go down] (11) _____ few years." The teams in the lower half of the League are finding it more difficult to make a profit. The bottom three teams can lose up to \$130 million if (12) _____ from the Premier League.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

1. By how much did Premier League finances increase last season?
2. What is the name of the company that created the report?
3. How many times has the wage bill gone over \$3.5 billion?
4. How much of revenue goes towards paying wages?
5. How many teams did the article say had the highest wage bills?
6. In how many homes worldwide do people watch the Premier League?
7. What kind of rights does the Premier League make money from?
8. What has the increased wage bill reduced?
9. What are teams in the lower half of the league finding it difficult to do?
10. How much can the bottom three teams lose if they are relegated?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

- 1) By how much did Premier League finances increase last season?
 - a) 10%
 - b) 15%
 - c) 20%
 - d) 25%
- 2) What is the name of the company that created the report?
 - a) Nike
 - b) Adidas
 - c) Amazon
 - d) Deloitte
- 3) How many times has the wage bill gone over \$3.5 billion?
 - a) three times
 - b) twice
 - c) once
 - d) never
- 4) How much of revenue goes towards paying wages?
 - a) almost 60%
 - b) exactly 60%
 - c) just over 60%
 - d) around 60%
- 5) How many teams did the article say had the highest wage bills?
 - a) five
 - b) six
 - c) three
 - d) four
- 6) In how many homes worldwide do people watch the Premier League?
 - a) 643 million
 - b) 212 million
 - c) 130 million
 - d) 55 million
- 7) What kind of rights does the Premier League make money from?
 - a) human rights
 - b) players' rights
 - c) merchandising rights
 - d) wrongs and rights
- 8) What has the increased wage bill reduced?
 - a) profits
 - b) games
 - c) competition
 - d) the length of matches
- 9) What are teams in the lower half of the league finding it difficult to do?
 - a) beat the top teams
 - b) win
 - c) score goals
 - d) make a profit
- 10) How much can the bottom three teams lose if they are relegated?
 - a) \$140 million
 - b) \$180 million
 - c) \$130 million
 - d) \$150 million

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

Role A – Football

You think football is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): tennis, F1 or darts.

Role B – Tennis

You think tennis is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): football, F1 or darts.

Role C – F1

You think F1 is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): tennis, football or darts.

Role D – Darts

You think darts is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): tennis, F1 or football.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'premier' and 'league'.

premier	league
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• last• international• reported• almost• 55• include	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• most• 212• rights• emphasis• pre• lose
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SALARIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

Write five GOOD questions about salaries in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

FOOTBALL DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'premier'?
3. What do you know about the Premier League?
4. Should there be a limit on a football player's salary?
5. Is the Premier League the best football league in the world?
6. Should a football player earn more than a country's president?
7. What is your favourite sport, and why?
8. What would it be like to be a top football player?
9. Who is the best football player in the world?
10. What is the best football team in the world?

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FOOTBALL DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'league'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of football?
15. Why is football so popular around the world?
16. What do you think of the FIFA World Cup?
17. Do football players deserve such high wages?
18. What kind of salary would you be happy with?
19. What is the most exciting game of football ever?
20. What questions would you like to ask a Premier League player?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) as | (d) to |
| 2. | (a) shows | (b) showing | (c) showed | (d) show |
| 3. | (a) dill | (b) bill | (c) till | (d) will |
| 4. | (a) eventually | (b) even | (c) every | (d) ever |
| 5. | (a) top | (b) topping | (c) topped | (d) tops |
| 6. | (a) a | (b) the | (c) thus | (d) all |
| 7. | (a) watching | (b) watches | (c) watch | (d) watched |
| 8. | (a) meaning | (b) means | (c) meanings | (d) meanies |
| 9. | (a) of | (b) as | (c) by | (d) to |
| 10. | (a) grower | (b) growing | (c) grown | (d) growth |
| 11. | (a) clean | (b) mix | (c) do | (d) make |
| 12. | (a) regulated | (b) relegated | (c) regaled | (d) regurgitated |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. paid over \$3.7 billion last nseaso
2. An aannul report
3. football nfnsaiac
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5. which deiclun Manchester City
6. the ghhtsei wage bills

Paragraph 2

7. the top velle
8. 212 countries and roerirttsei
9. reduced the ofsitpr
10. the pmsshaei now on clubs
11. tifulcidf to make
12. dgtelreae from the Premier League

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in the world. People in 212 countries and territories, in 643 million homes worldwide watch it. This means it makes a lot
- () bill has reduced the profits earned by the clubs. Deloitte said: "With the emphasis now on clubs to
- () generate revenue growth...it may be that we see the levels of pre-tax profit [go down] over
- (**1**) Football players in the UK's Premier League clubs were paid over \$3.7 billion last season. An annual
- () report on football finances showed a 15 per cent increase in revenue for the League's 20 clubs. The report is from
- () by the League goes towards wages. This is up from 55 per cent in the 2016/17
- () \$3.5 billion for the first time ever. The report said that almost 60 per cent of all the revenue earned
- () the next few years." The teams in the lower half of the League are finding it more difficult to make
- () of money from television rights and merchandising. However, the increase in the wage
- () season. The Premier League's top six clubs, which include Manchester City, Manchester
- () The Premier League is the top level of English football leagues. It is the most-watched sports league
- () the international accountancy company Deloitte. It reported that the wage bill for Premier League teams went above
- () a profit. The bottom three teams can lose up to \$130 million if they are relegated from the Premier League.
- () United, Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the highest wage bills in the League.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

1. the clubs . Premier in League players Football UK's
2. increase for in clubs . League A 15% revenue
3. towards League goes earned the wages . Revenue by
4. is percent 55 from up 2016/17 . This in
5. bills League . the Have the highest in wage
6. money . This of makes lot means a it
7. profits . bill increase wage reduced The in the
8. go down . profit of the See levels pre-tax
9. the the League . half of in Teams lower
10. they from are relegated Premier If the League .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league.html>

Football players in the UK's Premier League clubs were *paying / paid* over \$3.7 billion last season. An annual report *on / in* football finances showed a 15 per cent increase in *revues / revenue* for the League's 20 clubs. The report is from the international accountancy company Deloitte. It reported that the *wager / wage* bill for Premier League teams went above \$3.5 billion for the first time *every / ever*. The report said that almost 60 per cent of all the revenue *earned / earn* by the League goes *towards / forwards* wages. This is up from 55 per cent in the 2016/17 *season / seasoning*. The Premier League's *atop / top* six clubs, which include Manchester City, Manchester United, Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the highest wage bills *in / on* the League.

The Premier League is the top *revel / level* of English football leagues. It is the most-watched sports league in the world. People in 212 *countries / centuries* and territories, in 643 million homes *worldly / worldwide* watch it. This means it makes a *lot / loads* of money from television rights and merchandising. However, the increase in the wage bill has *reduced / induced* the profits earned by the clubs. Deloitte said: "With the emphasis *now / know* on clubs to generate revenue *grown / growth*...it may be that we see the levels of pre-tax profit [go down] *over / overly* the next few years." The teams in the lower *halve / half* of the League are finding it more difficult to make a profit. The bottom three teams can lose up to \$130 million if they are *regulated / relegated* from the Premier League.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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F__ t b__ l l p l_y_r s _n th_ U K ' s P r_m__ r L__ g__ c l_b s w_r_ p__ d _v_r \$ 3 . 7 b_l l__ n l_s t s__ s_n . A n _n n__ l r_p_r t _n f__ t b__ l l f_n_n c_s s_h_w_d _ 1 5 p_r c_n t _n c_r__ s_ _n r_v_n__ f_r th_ L__ g__ ' s 2 0 c l_b s . Th_ r_p_r t _s f r_m th_ _n t_r n_t__ n_l _c c__ n t_n c y c_m p_n y D_l__ t t_ . I t r_p_r t_d th_t th_ w_g_ b_l l f_r P r_m__ r L__ g__ t__ m_s w_n t _b_v_ \$ 3 . 5 b_l l__ n f_r th_ f_r s t t_m_ _v_r . Th_ r_p_r t s__ d th_t _l m_s t 6 0 p_r c_n t _f _l l th_ r_v_n__ _r n_d b_y th_ L__ g__ g__ s t_w_r d s w_g_s . T h_s _s _p f_r m 5 5 p_r c_n t _n th_ 2 0 1 6 / 1 7 s__ s_n . Th_ P r_m__ r L__ g__ ' s t_p s_x c l_b s , w_h_c h _n c l_d_s M_n c_h_s t_r C_t_y , M_n c_h_s t_r U_n_t_d , C_h_l_s__ , L_v_r p__ l _n d A_r s_n_l , h_v_ th_ h_g h_s t w_g_ b_l l s _n th_ L__ g__ .

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football players in the uks premier league clubs were paid over 37 billion last season an annual report on football finances showed a 15 per cent increase in revenue for the leagues 20 clubs the report is from the international accountancy company deloitte it reported that the wage bill for premier league teams went above 35 billion for the first time ever the report said that almost 60 per cent of all the revenue earned by the league goes towards wages this is up from 55 per cent in the 201617 season the premier leagues top six clubs which include manchester city manchester united chelsea liverpool and arsenal have the highest wage bills in the league

the premier league is the top level of english football leagues it is the mostwatched sports league in the world people in 212 countries and territories in 643 million homes worldwide watch it this means it makes a lot of money from television rights and merchandising however the increase in the wage bill has reduced the profits earned by the clubs deloitte said with the emphasis now on clubs to generate revenue growthit may be that we see the levels of pretax profit go down over the next few years the teams in the lower half of the league are finding it more difficult to make a profit the bottom three teams can lose up to 130 million if they are relegated from the premier league.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SALARIES: Make a poster about salaries. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FOOTBALLERS' SALARIES: Write a magazine article about footballers' salaries being less than the salaries of world leaders. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on football. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make it more exciting. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. e 5. f 6. b 7. g
8. i 9. l 10. n 11. j 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b F c T d F e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|-------------|
| 1. clubs | a. teams |
| 2. annual | b. yearly |
| 3. above | c. over |
| 4. revenue | d. income |
| 5. include | e. comprise |
| 6. top | f. highest |
| 7. money | g. cash |
| 8. reduced | h. cut |
| 9. generate | i. create |
| 10. relegated | j. demoted |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 15%
- Deloitte
- Once
- Almost 60 per cent
- Six
- 643 million
- Merchandising rights
- Profits
- Make a profit
- \$130 million

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Football players in the UK's Premier League clubs.
- A 15% increase in revenue for League clubs.
- Revenue earned by the League goes towards wages.
- This is up from 55 percent in 2016/17.
- Have the highest wage bills in the League.
- This means it makes a lot of money.
- The increase in the wage bill reduced profits.
- See the levels of pre-tax profit go down.
- Teams in the lower half of the League.
- If they are relegated from the Premier League.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)